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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carter, Jerome D.)
Serial No. 09/822,994) Group Art: 2644
Filed: 03/29/2001) Examiner: Pendleton, Brian T.
Title: Method and Apparatus for)
Communicating to Vehicle Occupants)

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir,

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 22, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections to the disclosure. The petition and fee for a one-month extension are also enclosed.

No Amendments were made to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2

No Amendments were made to the Drawings



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		First Named Inventor	Jerome D. Carter
		Art Unit	2644
		Examiner Name	Brian T. Pendleton
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

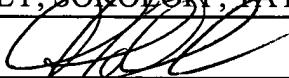
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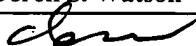
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FEES TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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**or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
2053	130	2053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,480	2254	740 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,210	2255	605 Extension for reply within fifth month
1404	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240 Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1460	130	2460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	770	1809	385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)			

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